By: Allen, Riddle H.B. No. 1545

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1545:

By: Phillips C.S.H.B. No. 1545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use

- 3 certain public transportation services.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 461.009, Transportation Code, is amended
- 6 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 7 (c) At the request of an individual who resides in a
- 8 provider's service area and is eligible to use the provider's
- 9 services, the provider shall provide written certification that the
- 10 individual is eligible to use the provider's services. Proof of
- 11 certification made under this subsection entitles the individual to
- 12 <u>obtain services from any provider in the state for not more than 60</u>
- 13 days during a 365-day period that begins with the individual's
- 14 first use of a provider's service outside of the service area in
- 15 which the individual resides.
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 20 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.